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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Martin, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/855,972

Filed: May 15, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ENERGY ELECTRON ENHANCED
ETCHING OR SUBSTRATES IN
AND AC OR DC PLASMA
ENVIRONMENT

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Hassanzadeh, Parviz

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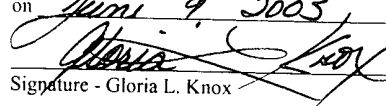
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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